

Region 8 Committee Meeting Agenda
10:00 AM
December 9, 2014
Crowne Plaza Atlanta Airport

Region 8 Committee Chairperson, Deb Kornegay, called the meeting to order at 10:05.

Members present:

Debby Kornegay – RACC	Michelle Pomerantz – GA
Marian Dykes – RTCC	Shelley Weil - LA
Brad Harris – RJOCC	Nancy Hawkins – MS
Elaine Wulf – RXCC	Jennie Adams – NC
Otis Reeves – AL	Joanne Child – SC 10:25 – Late plane
Toni Rand – FL	Larry Corrigan – TN

Jennie Adams was appointed to record minutes.

Regional Board concerns:

Address lists – Web page and Emergency lists were checked by members.

Operating Code – Copies of updated OC were disbursed.

Thank you notes from various gymnasts, parents and honorees were passed around for all to read.

Planner updates – State Chairs verified State Meet dates in order to update Regional Planner. The 2015 dates are as follows:

- March 21st weekend GA Level 6, 9, & 10
 MS Level 6-10 and Xcel
 NC Xcel Bronze
 - March 28th weekend AL Level 6-10 and Xcel
 FL Level 8-10 and Xcel
 GA Level 7 & 8
 LA Level 6-10 and Xcel
 NC Level 6-10
 SC Level 6-10 and Xcel Gold, Platinum & Diamond
 TN Level 6-10 and Xcel
 - April 11th weekend FL Level 6 & 7
 GA Xcel
 NC Xcel Silver, Gold, Platinum & Diamond
 SC Xcel Bronze and Silver
- Deb distributed a table of Women’s JO Championship dates issued by the national office for 2015-2020. Conflicting dates with NCAA Regionals and Nationals were highlighted. Committee members found some inconsistencies and Deb will check for clarification.
 - Deb distributed a sheet of proposed designs for Region 8 USA Gymnastics. The group agreed on the design located on the bottom left, but without the use of the red script “Region 8”.

Regional Financial report

- Deb presented the Finance Report of the Region 8 Committee. The Ending Balance through 11-30-14 was \$81,945.13.

Travel Fund Financial update

- Deb reported that the Regional Travel Fund, used to award Region 8 National Champions with educational travel opportunity was in sound shape.

Level 9 & 10 Regionals update

- Brad indicated to the members that both Region 8 Level 9/10 and Level 7/8 Regionals would be Modified Capital Cup in the future. Therefore any venue selected must be large enough to accommodate the format.
- The qualifying score to Level 9 Regionals has been increased to 34.50 AA. The intent is to provide a true championship with exceptional quality expectations. Each state's State Meet should prepare for the performance evaluations to consistent with the same quality benchmarks.
- As RTCC Marian will send a letter to each SJD's reflecting the change in qualifying scores and to address consistent judging from the first meet of the season through Regionals.

Level 7 & 8 Regionals update

- Brad reminded the members that Team Sessions have used the Capital Cup format in the past. The JO coaches have requested that in the future the Team Session use a Modified Capital Cup format. Deb will change the 7/8 Regional bid form to reflect Modified Capital Cup format.

Xcel Regionals update

- Elaine stated that the warm-up compete format will be used again this year.

Diamond State Team Session at Xcel Regionals

- **Motion Jennie** that the 2015 Xcel Regionals will provide a Diamond State Team competition with 3 to 6 gymnasts per state team (3 gymnast scores counting per event.)
- **2nd Otis** Passed unanimously

Regional Congress speakers

- Deb presented a list of proposed speaker/clinicians for the 2015 Region 8 Regional Congress. She accepted additional suggestions from the Committee members.

Regional Congress 2014 Financial Report

- Deb presented a Financial review of the Region 8 Congresses from 2011-2014. The Congress is managed by the national office. The Region 8 account receives one half of the Net + all of the Auction income.

Region 8 Hall of Fame nominations and vote

- Deb reviewed the criteria for nominations to the Region 8 Hall of Fame. The categories for individuals to be considered are 1) History/Builder/Contributor, 2) Coach, 3) Athlete, 4) Service/Administrator, and 5) Judge. Names of the former recipients were reviewed. Committee members proposed nominees and discussed their contributions. Secret ballots were distributed and collected. Deb will contact the 2015 recipients after the meeting. The 2015 Region 8 Hall of Fame Class is made up of Yiwen Chen, Qi Han, Colleen Barger Harris and Louie Liguori.

Dates for 2016 Training Camps were set. Region 8 Congress dates were prioritized.

- Level 7/8 Training Camp July 22-24
- National Team Training Camp September 9-11
- Level 8,9,10 Training Camp September 30 – October 2
- Region 8 Congress choices
1st June 17-19
2nd June 10-12
3rd July 22-24

Bids for 2016 Regional Championships and 2015 Training Camps

- Deb was pleased to announce that there were multiple bids for the 2016 Championships as follows:

1) Level 9/10	Cabarrus County Gymnastics	Concord NC
	Metro Gymnastics/Central FI Sports Com.	Orlando, FL
2) Level 7/8	Cabarrus County Gymnastics	Concord NC
	OSEGA Gymnastics/Asheville Sports Com	Asheville NC
	Foothills Gymnastics	Hickory NC
3) Xcel	Gym Counts Gymnastics	Pigeon Forge, TN
	Metro Gymnastics/Central FL Sports Com	Orlando, FL
	OSEGA Gymnastics/Asheville Sports Com	Asheville NC
	Edgewater Gymnastics	Ft. Walton Bch, FL
	Foothills Gymnastics	Hickory NC

Motion Brad moved that the 2016 Level 9/10 Regional be awarded to Orlando Metro/Central Florida Sports Commission to be held at Osceola Heritage Park's Silver Spurs Arena in Kissimmee, FL.

2nd Toni Passed unanimously

Motion Shelley moved that the 2016 Level 7/8 Regional be awarded to OSEGA Gymnastics/Asheville Buncombe Sports Commission to be held at US Cellular Center in Asheville, NC.

2nd Michelle Passed unanimously

Motion Toni moved that the 2016 Xcel Regional be awarded to Gymnastics Counts to be held at the LeConte Center in Pigeon Forge TN.

2nd Marian Motion passed 9 for, 2 against.

Motion Brad moved that Tumblebees Gymnastics be awarded the 2015 Level 7/8 Training Camp to be held in Greensboro, NC.

2nd Toni Passed unanimously

Motion Marian moved that Gymnastics Academy of Atlanta be awarded the 2015 Level 8,9,10 Training Camp to be held in Kennesaw, GA.

2nd Michelle Passed unanimously

Brad announced that the 2015 National Team Training Camp will be awarded to a College Facility but waiting on Football Schedules to solidify time and place.

Regional and National judges

- Marian reported that there was not a need for Regional Championship judge replacements at this time. If the need were to arise, all criteria for the assignment will be required (CPE completion, etc.)

Volunteers for Level 9 & 10 Regionals

- Deb reminded the State Chairs that each state is to provide a volunteer to help with National/Easterns apparel. If Chair is unable to help then Deb requests that a representative be there. 5 or 6 people are needed after each session.
- State Chairs or their representatives are expected to help at Regional Training Camps and Region 8 Congress.

2017 Regional Championship dates

- April 6-9 Level 9/10 Regionals

- April 21-23 Level 7/8 Regionals
- May 11-14 Xcel Regionals

Regional J.O. Program

Apparel samples for National qualifiers update

- Level 10's Brad reported that he will not have samples of the apparel until the logos are approved. The types of apparel will remain basically the same (jacket, shirts, grip bag, travel bag, flip flops, bling shirt for banquet, capris, tervis cup, etc.)
- Shelley requested that alternates receive a T-shirt at least. After all the sizing of multiple pieces of apparel, it is a letdown for the gymnast to receive nothing as the alternate. Brad stated that the Region would provide the Level 9's and 10's 1st and 2nd alternates a T-shirt at Regionals.
- Level 9's Brad reported that the Eastern qualifiers would receive a drawstring backpack, flip flops, and a grey T-shirt.
- Training Camp volunteers will receive a long sleeve Under Armor shirt.

Club of the Year

- Deb stated that each state's Club of the Year will be recognized at Level 9 & 10 Regionals. She asked that the SC's send her the selections during the week after State Meets.

State Chairman Concerns:

Regional Competition fees

- Deb referred to the states' Regional Competition Fee Spreadsheet indicating fees from USA Gymnastics registered athletes to be transferred to the Regional account. Deb asked that each state complete a check request within the next month.

Level 9 & 10 Petition form

- Marian should receive a completed petition form by the Wednesday following the 9/10 State meet. She asked that the SC's emphasize to the coaches that the form may be submitted early. The gymnast still must register in MeetMaker but is not charged until she is approved for competition. If the gymnast enters as a competitor, instead of a petitioner, the entry fee will be automatically charged. In this situation, there will be no refund. Petitioners will be notified by April 1st 2015. Petitioner for 9/10 Regionals will need proof of a score of 35.00 for Level 10 and 35.50 for Level 9, (1 point higher than the qualifying score). Specialists may not petition.

Xcel Petition Form

- Marian added that Xcel petitions must be received by Wednesday after the State Meet. Petitioning scores also need to be 1 point higher than the qualifying score. Bronze and Silvers would need a 36.50. Gold and Platinum would need a 36.00.

Level 7 & 8 alternate form

- The traditional alternate form used by SC's will not be required in the future. Deb asked that the alternates be clearly notated on the official state meet score sheet.

State Meet reporting process

- Deb asked the SC's to address the following reporting concerns:
 - 1) A score sheet is needed for each level
 - 2) Provide enough names in finish order as deep as possible for lots of scratches.
 - 3) The Excel file needs to be in the prescribed ordered requested with no spaces in front of gymnast names.
 - 4) ALL scratches for Regionals need to go through Deb as Regional Chair. Do not approve a scratch as the State Chairperson.

Send State Meet results by e-mail in Excel to Deb with no spaces before names. Be sure to have DOB and Team names.

E-mail Deb with numbers of Xcel Bronze and Silver at 35.50 AA and Gold, Platinum and Diamond at 35.00 AA, Level 7's at 32.00AA, Level 8's at 32.00AA and 34.00 AA and Level 9's at 34.50 AA & 10's at 34.00 AA on 03/17/15

- It's really important that the numbers are sent to Deb by the dates listed.

Reports

RTC – October meeting Marian Dykes

- The Tech Committee will continue to meet in the Fall. Important JO and Xcel information is incorporated in the minutes which are already published.
- There are courses online with CPE features, now available, that have excellent educational content. . The guidelines state that at least 5 hours CPE should be live, however.
- Marian reviewed, clarified, and explained the Tech minutes from October meeting.
- Judges are responsible for keeping track of accurate event scores. A retrievable average sheet is needed. Scores do not need to be verified, but judges do need to check that the scoring system coordinator has scores. The meet director must now provide a judge verification sheet.

RJOCC Brad Harris

No report

RACC Deb Kornegay

No report other than working hard on the logo creation.

RXCC Elaine Wulf

- Elaine reminded the members that the creation of an Xcel Code was to have been for the 2014-2015 competitive year, but was pushed up by a year. Therefore an Errata was needed to smooth out the concerns from the first year using National rules.
- A pilot program named HUGS (Hope Unites Gymnastics with Special Athletes) has been created to allow Special Olympic athletes to compete in the Xcel Program in the Ruby Division. The stated goal will be "Keep it Simple" gymnastics. Three meets will pilot the Ruby Division in 2015; PAWS for a Cause, Mardi Gras, and Courtney Kupets.

Next meeting will be at Region 8 Congress on Thursday, June 18th 9:00 A.M at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside, New Orleans, LA

Congress – Indianapolis, IN:

Thursday, August 13th - Sunday, August 16th

State Chairperson workshop - TBD

Other Business

- Shelly asked for organizational guidance for Region 8 Congress responsibilities since Louisiana will be the host state for the Congress. Deb will work with her.
- Deb reminded SC's to go through Operational Code for review of rules for upcoming elections in 2015.

Motion Nancy moved to adjourn.

2nd Otis Passed unanimously at 1:55

Region 8 TR Legends Fund – Brad, Marian, Toni and Deb met for the Tim Rand Legends Fund Committee immediately following the adjournment of the Region 8 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Deb Kornegay Regional 8 Administrative Committee Chairperson

12-9-14 Region 8 Committee Winter meeting
Jennie Kennel Adams Appointed Secretary